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SACRAMENTO'S NEWS MAGAZINE FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY AND ITS FRIENDS

Women Empowered at the State Capitol

by Celeste Brown

March is Women's History Month, which should encourage everyone to recognize women of empowerment, perseverance and determination to make things happen for the betterment of the human condition.

The latest ISSUE is focusing on two such women, State Senator Lucy Killea and Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter. Each were interviewed and asked to share their thoughts on different aspects of society which have widespread affects on all of us.

Lucy Killea, D-San Diego, was inspired long ago to be involved. In fact, her resume includes,



Senator Lucy Killea.

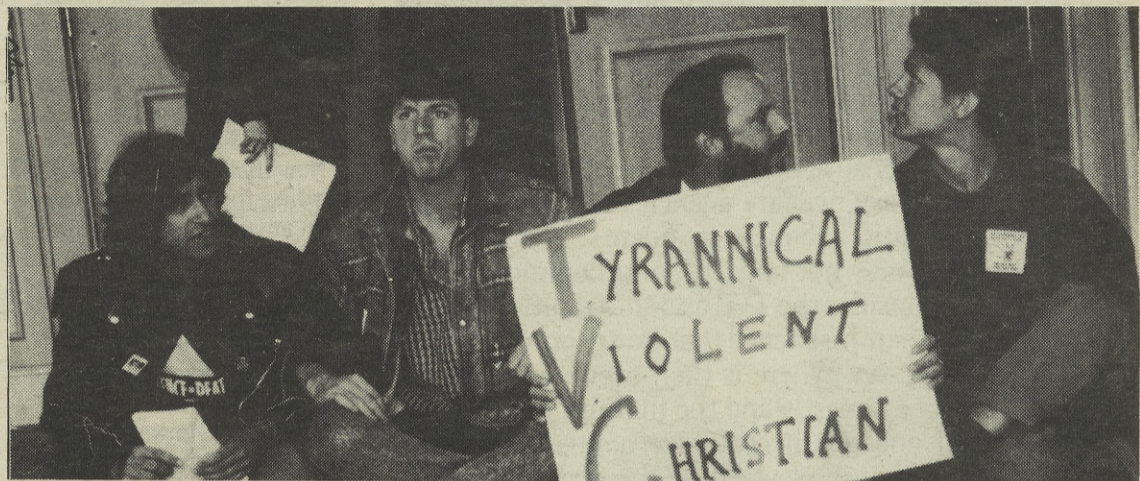
being an aide to Eleanor Roosevelt in the 1940s, a CIA analyst in the 1950s, followed by extensive activities in the San Diego political and civic arena. In addition, she married a foreign service officer and lived out of the United States for many years. So, when she was appointed to the San Diego City Council by then Mayor Pete Wilson, she found herself often being asked, "Well how do you like being on city council?" ... Her answer was "As a 3rd career it isn't bad!"

And indeed it wasn't. This proved to be the impetus directing her toward the State Assem-

bly with a natural flow to the State Senate.

In the years that she and her husband spent in Washington, D.C. she had the opportunity to work as an involved citizen but did not feel as if having as great an impact until she became involved on a local level, in San Diego. She found it very exciting and satisfying to be able to have such a direct impact on many issues so important to the well-being of a local community. With appointments to city and county levels, she found it even more challenging and reward-

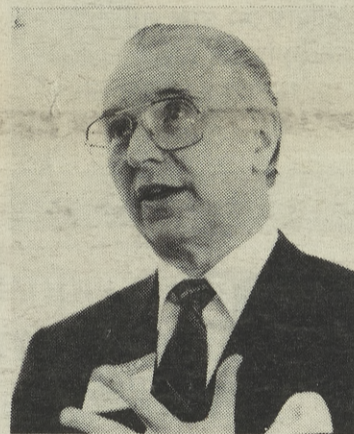
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ACT UP Invades the TVC

After hours of planning, forty members of ACT UP gathered in a room at the Capitol Hyatt.

As the "ACT-UP Forty" rode quietly down the elevator to the main floor tension filled the air. To much of the surprise of the activists, the elevator door opened only to reveal they were actually between floors. A decision had to be made. Do we push the emergency button and at-



Rev. Lou Sheldon.

tract attention virtually ending this demonstration, or force the doors apart? Opting to the latter the protestors climbed up out of the elevator and headed for their assigned areas. With organized synchronization they split into groups. Like the sound of a violent wind their footsteps could be heard running through the lobby, stunning all whom they passed. Suddenly the police were forced to respond. While the first contingent of protestors were distracting those on the outside, individuals had made their way inside the conference area. The suddenness of this activity placed the protestors in the advantage. Lou Sheldon held a chair to separate himself from the 25 ACT-UP demonstrators who locked their arms and chanted loudly, ACT-UP, Fight Back, Fight AIDS.

Sheldon, finally gaining composure, called for the assistance of the police, but they were desperately trying to gain control of the demonstration in the main lobby. Throughout the hallways of the Hyatt you could hear the activist shout, "Who will stop the TVC, We will, We will."

Finally, the police made their entrance stripping the room of the conference participants, tables, and chairs. One by one ACT-UP members were guided through the back areas of the hotel, joining four other members, making a total of 29 arrested. Upon arriving at the police station, the demonstrators were finger printed, photo-

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Census is Asking a New Question

by Brenda J. Robinson

Suddenly a new "gay issue" has emerged for activists to shout about, and it doesn't have to do with AIDS or gay rights, directly. It's the 1990 census and the new category, "unmarried partner."

Are you and your live-in(s) "unmarried partners"? If you're gay should you check off this box? Could doing so come back to haunt you? Could it come back to haunt the gay community?

The answer to these and many other intriguing questions is, I don't know. Every 10 years the federal government conducts the national census, taking a head count and at the same time

acquiring a variety of interesting statistics about this country's citizenry. Not only are these numbers fascinating to trivia enthusiasts, they are used to determine such important issues as governmental representation, should electoral district boundaries be moved in order to ensure that each legislator represents the same number of people, in line with the one person, one vote principal?

These numbers are also used to set public policy. Do special programs need to be established for a section of the population formerly unknown? Are there special needs going unmet? And are federal funds needed for social services such as hospitals, AFDC, medicaid, Section 8 low cost housing and other programs which help those fiscally disadvantaged.

This year, the Census Bureau has included a new category to describe the relationship of persons living together in a single household. This new category, "unmarried partner" has been added to the more traditional categories, "roomer/boarder," "housemate/roommate," etc..

Some gay activists are saying, quite ardently, that lesbians and

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!!! really I MUST SAY!

Tell The Truth

There is a great deal of discussion as to how the lesbian and gay community should answer the census category regarding relationships. Some say it won't make a difference, some say it is paramount in reaching the goals of our community. The fact is we have a responsibility to tell the truth. Truth will bring justice, services, representation, and most of all the ideal of respect. If your concerned that this information will come back to haunt you consider for a moment the Title 13 protection that accompanies the census. This code prevents the INS, IRS, FBI, courts, military, welfare agencies and others from accessing information about respondents. The outcome of these findings may not only help our community but others as well. Consider the TVC and the traditional family rhetoric and their insistence that we are only less than 1% of the population. Where is their argument if we all filled the category honestly and the findings reveal more people straight and gay live outside of these espoused morals? Think about it! Now whose the majority.

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Admittedly He's Our & *%#!

Editor,

I'm getting real tired of this current vogue of 'Terry Sidee Bashing'. Admittedly he's a & *%#!. I've seen him reduce one of his d.j.'s to tears once, but he's our & *%#!. And in the words of Monty Rock the 3rd, "nobody cares how you wear your hair" (hat).

Now that 'Da Big Tamata' is learning that it's not just a cow town anymore our community should be figuring on running into shit kickin' faggots who attend 'Town Council' meetings at the Lambda Center and dish dirt, and eat some too. Where the hell were those breeders who own the Merk, and the Western, at that meeting? ... Greece? ... The Bahamas? ... By the way who owns the Buffalo? There is sort of an analogy here, while doing 'Carhops' I was repeatedly admonished "Why aren't you doing a benefit for the AIDS Foundation?" ... answer ... 'There are 5 free tickets for PWA's at every performance. One night's proceeds would buy carbon paper and erasers, besides I'd rather give somebody a night out in a safe clean environment.' This I think is what Terry is up to. With his beefed up security. (I'm sure that the Western doesn't chip in on the bill for security, I may be wrong, but then again we're talking about straight people). Anywhoskees I got that off my chest. Your paper is fine, best of luck, and to all the petty (not pretty) queens who think they have an axe to grind, try it on your own neck first and let us know how sharp it is ...

Russ Dunn

Send Jesse Home Where He Belongs

Editor,

Senator Jesse Helms of N. Carolina, the most homophobic, racist, sexist, and war-mongering S.O.B. since Hitler, is up for re-election this year.

Do you want to defeat him? Here is a tip from TIME magazine. Dial: 1-900-DUMP HELMS. It is a toll call. Part of the cost goes to the phone company, the rest goes to the campaign to defeat Helms.

John D. Helm

Ah, That's Too Bad - Next

Editor,

On Sunday Feb. 25, at 5 p.m., I stopped at one of the bars on 20th St. I locked my bicycle to a chain link fence, right next to the bars entry. Within minutes the cable was cut, and my bike was gone.

I immediately reported this incident to the employees. The reaction I got was - "not again", and on to a customer, with "hi, may I help you."

I can't say I was terribly surprised, but the cold indifferent attitude toward my plight, really hurts, it hurts more than the loss of my bike. It seems that some of my own people just don't give a damn, not a very professional attitude. I am not alone in this matter, as many of my friends have been victimized in the bars, their entry ways, and parking lots. Often these places are more of a public nuisance than a place that serves the public.

Sadly, when we go to these places, we run the high risk of vandalism, rip offs, beatings, and killings.

My incident and others is a sad story about Sacramento's bar scene.

Sincerely,
Jim Smith.

What, Who, Me Volunteer?

Editor,

In response to, and encouragement of, Dawn Lawson's letter in your Feb. Issue, I'd like to thank her. In addition, I too feel pride and I feel scared, not of homosexuality, but of losing my emotional freedom. I'm a gay man no one seems to have to ask, are you gay? I just am. I'm comfortable with it to a fault. What I'm afraid of is that our "active community members" are growing less and less. We've gained new activists at a lesser degree than losing those to AIDS.

I just ask the readers of the publication to consider volunteering to our community efforts. They can decide how much to give, but please ... give of yourself.

Givingly,
Kevin Cohee

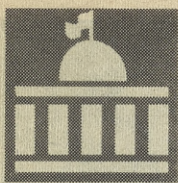
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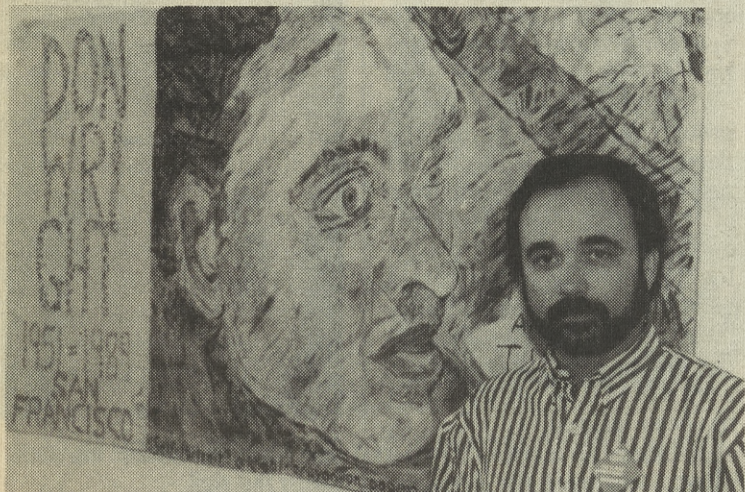


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AROUND TOWN



Chris Chilton organizer of Sacramento showing of the Quilt with one of the many local panels.

Quilt Comes to Sacramento

The Memories Unfold

by Michael Sestak

Amidst high hopes and determination, SATA – Sacramento Aid to AIDS – unveiled their plan to bring the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Sacramento. Entitled "The Names Project - Memories that Move", SATA organized a media kickoff at the Lite Rail Gallery on February 27 to inform Sacramento and solicit financed support for the community.

This marks the first time that such a large portion of the Quilt will be displayed in Sacramento. The Quilt will be at the Community Center on April 28, 29 and 30.

The local showing of the Quilt is designed to illustrate the impact of the AIDS epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics. Furthermore, it will provide a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic. The showing also intends to raise vital funds and encourage support for people with AIDS and their loved ones.

Although the Quilt has attracted sponsors such as A.T. & T, Tower Records, Jack Metzen's Hamilton Jewelers, Pac Tell Cellular, Weinstock's, Sacramento Bee and Dr. & Mrs. John Din, SATA Treasurer, Joe Garret stressed that "individual monetary contributions and further community support is crucial to accomplishing the goal of \$20,000 needed to produce the event." To date, almost \$12,500 has been raised. Another \$7,500

is still needed by March 25, as the Quilt must be entirely funded in advance of the show-

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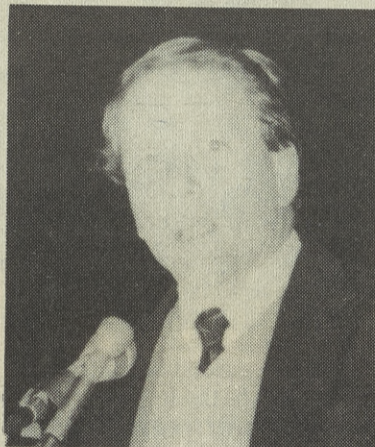
Candles Light the Darkness

by Ken Topper

As the evening skies grew darker hundreds of gay men and lesbians gathered outside the Sacramento Community Center in protest of the Traditional Values Coalition Conference, being held at the Capitol Hyatt Regency.

Slowly one by one candles were being lit until all one could see was a path of light. As the proud marchers quietly carried their candles and silent intentions to the face of City Hall, there was a feeling of being alive. Feeling aligned.

Over 400 gay men, lesbians, and supporters came together, melding their diversity, collectively, as a finely tuned instrument, they responded to the various speakers with almost a rehearsed rhythm. It was ob-



Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly addressed the crowd (left). Candles light up 'I' street (above).

The timing was impeccable, the speakers charismatic, and the sensation was empowering.

vious, we, as a community began to bond.

The organizers of this event, Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian Town Council, deserve great praise. The timing was impeccable, the speakers charismatic, and the sensation was empowering.

The speakers for the rally included Linda Joplin from N.O.W., newly ordained Lutheran Ministers Jeff Johnson and Ruth Frost, Mary Smith – President of the local Lesbian Alliance, GLAAD CoChairs Tammy Smith and Everett Denman, Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, City Council Member Heather Fargo, Rev. Jerry Sloan, Marghe Richards, local activist Frank Lawler, poet Ricky Rea, and the Sacramento Women's chorus.

Sacramento came alive. People holding each other kindling a spirit of life and warmth.

Obviously the major topic for the speakers was the hatred and bigotry projected by the TVC and their leader, Rev. Lou Sheldon. The Rev. Jeff Johnson warned the group "don't be duped by these God speakers, but connect between ourselves.

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Doolittle Runs For Congress

by Keith Clark

Anti-gay state Senator John Doolittle (R-Folsom), announced here that he will be running for the 14th congressional seat opened up by Norman Shumway's decision not to seek re-election.

Doolittle, elected to the California Senate in 1980, currently represents a predominately Republican district that includes part of the vast 14th congres-



John Doolittle.

sional district that runs from Nevada to the Sacramento Valley up to the Oregon border. Shumway announced March 1 that he would no seek re-election

due to his wife's poor health.

In 1987 Doolittle enraged gay rights and AIDS activists when he introduced a set of laws that would have, among other things, allowed disclosure of HIV test results to public health officials; required involuntary testing of mental patients; made it a felony for anyone with HIV infection to donate blood; and made testing mandatory for anyone convicted of prostitution.

Most, although not all, of Doolittle's 1987 legislative package either did not pass or was passed after being so heavily amended that the effects were minimal.

At the time, Bill Paul, then-chairman of Mobilization Against AIDS, said Doolittle's

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ACT-UP Sacramento Active Again

by Arturo Jackson III

The March 13 community protest against the Traditional Values Coalition and the religious group's repressive agenda against the gay rights movement has re-energized the local ACT UP chapter.

The ACT UP-Sacramento chapter was established in May of 1988 when more than forty men and women staged a sit in outside the governor's office at the State Capitol. The actions were a part of the planned March on the Capitol protest to bring gay and lesbian concerns to the attention of elected officials.

Recently ACT UP Sacramento began to mobilize with the anticipated arrival of Lou Sheldon and the TVC's conference at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento. Members of ACT UP Sacramento felt it was imperative to work with commu-



As protesters distracted police with a sit-in (below) others stormed into the TVC conference room (above).



gulfed in a cloud of controversy from within the lesbian and gay community regarding the groups recent tactics to focus attention on the AIDS epidemic. Chapters joining the ACT UP coalition are being established in cities across the country while ACT UP members defend the recent activist actions of the coalition. The recent actions which spark this controversy included the disruption of traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge, the Pasadena Rose Parade, disrupting Sunday services at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and opening night at the Opera in San Francisco.

The controversial group has been instrumental on many fronts in expediting AIDS treatments and improving the quality of life for thousands coping with an HIV diagnosis. Pressure exerted by ACT UP on the Bristol-Myers corporation and the FDA resulted in the early release of DDI, marking the first time in medical history that an advocacy group was able to get an experimental drug released before the end of the regulated approval process. ACT UP introduced the idea of parallel track testing to speed up the time required before a new drug is approved and made available as a treatment protocol. ACT UP was instrumental in pressuring the FDA to

release the drug DHPG without formal clinical trials by presenting sufficient evidence that the drug prevented the onset of blindness in many people with AIDS. The ACT UP New York chapter publishes over 200,000 pages a month of research anal-

The March 13 protest has re-energized the local ACT UP chapter.

ysis evaluating treatment and drug trials as well as reviewing political and public policies surrounding AIDS and networking the information to ACT UP chapters around the country.

The ACT UP coalition is helping thousands of our brothers and sisters fighting to stay alive and will have a pivotal position in the national network of AIDS activists in the war against AIDS. Interested individuals locally may join the ACT UP Sacramento chapter by calling (916) 924-1523 and making your commitment to actively work in the fight against the AIDS epidemic.

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Hate knows no boundaries. It attracts hate and violence. Continue to fight for our dignity to love each other proudly and unapologetically."

Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, D-Sacramento, said "When you are unfair to one group you are being unfair to society as a whole. Unfortunately many leaders lose sight of one's humanness. People forget others are human beings too." In referring to his soon to be born child he spoke of hope. "When my child is born and as this child grows I pray that our work will be done and the dream has been realized."

Local activist Rev. Jerry Sloan, concluded the evenings ceremonies with an innovative approach. He requested each vigil participant to call out the names of individuals who may have been the victim or a fatality of a hate crime, or has commit-



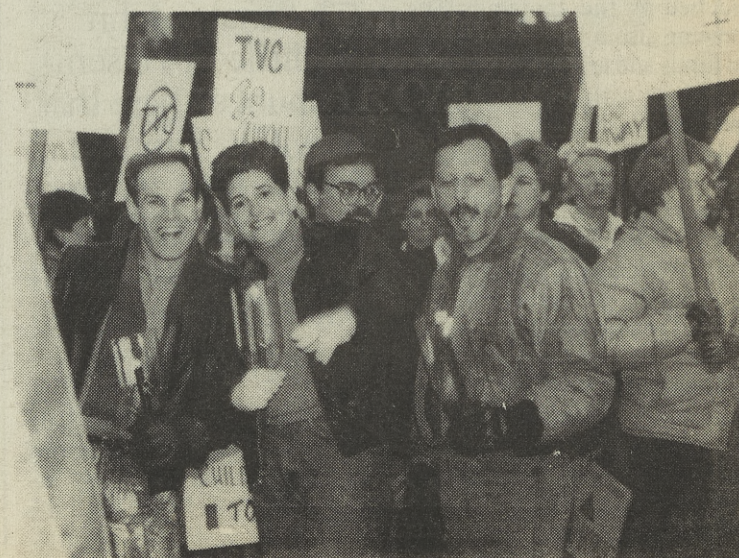
Poet Ricky Rea shares his work during the vigil.

ted suicide. Quietly the crowd replied, remembering friends and family with all those in attendance. As the hush of silent memories enveloped the crowd Rev. Sloan started chanting the words, "Speak Up, Act Up, Fight Back," growing louder and louder charging the crowd with strength and passion. Invigorating the departing assembly with the sense of conviction and enthusiasm to meet, head on, the challenges facing Sacramento's gay and lesbian community as it responds to the next day's event, the conference itself.

People holding each other kindling a spirit of life and warmth.



Approximately 400 people participated in the candlelight vigil (above). Some participants found time to socialize during the march (below).



nity organizations in making a statement against the TVC's doctrine of hate and bigotry. An example of the TVC's agenda is their five year plan which mandates the quarantine of all individuals who test HIV positive in concentration camps and replace medical care and AIDS treatments with mandatory bible study classes with a focus on saving the persons soul.

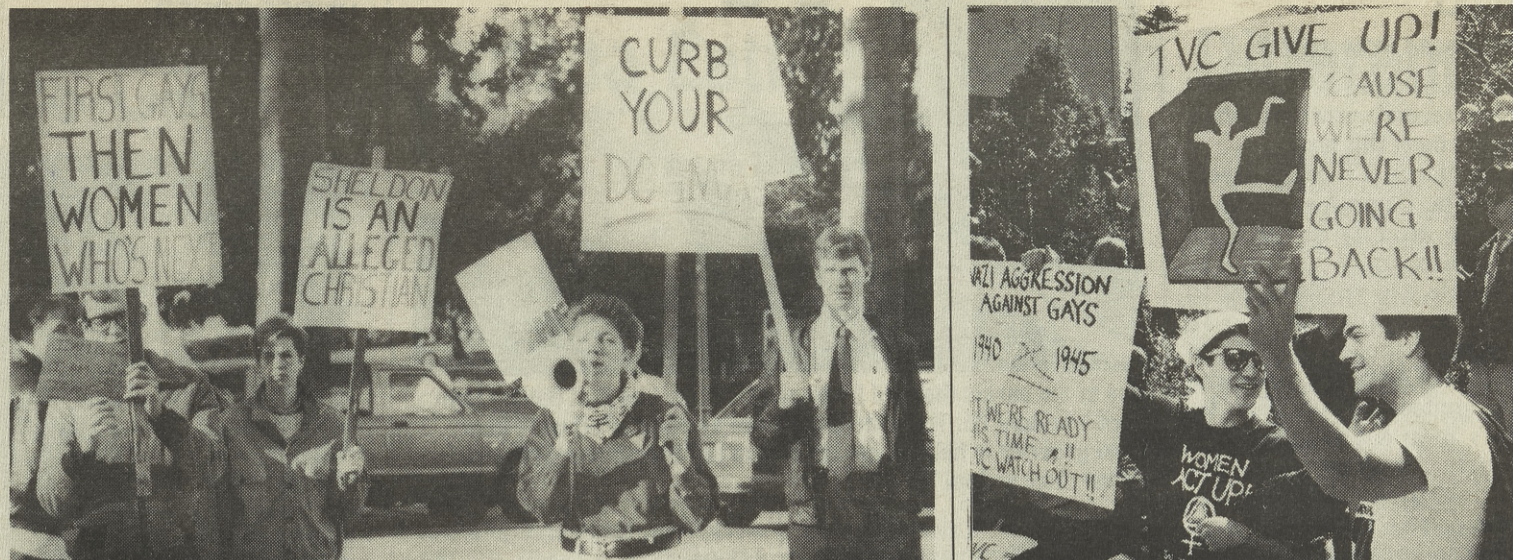
The 'AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power', commonly known as ACT UP, represent a national grassroots network whose members are actively dedicated to stopping the AIDS crisis. The ACT UP coalition has been en-

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graphed, and charged with trespassing, failure to disburse, and disturbing the peace. They were warned not to return to the site of the demonstration.

During a separate protest action, earlier that afternoon, Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian Town Council staged an informational rally at the west side entrance of the Sacramento Community Center, featuring City Council Member Kim Mueller, Rev. Merrill Follansbee, Jerry Sloan, Lee Nichols, and Randi Gerson of ACT UP San



Like the sound of a violent wind their footsteps could be heard running through the lobby

Francisco, among others.

The spirited crowd of 100, expressed their dislike for the TVC's anti-homosexual agenda with powerful signs, voices, and emotions.

Rev. Merrill Follansbee, in his address to the assembly said, "I believe that people don't choose

their orientation. Homosexuality is for a gay person as natural as heterosexuality is natural. Orientation cannot be changed by prayer, counseling, or therapy. It is a gift of God."

Following Rev. Follansbee's comments the crowd applauded with acceptance. City Council

Member Kim Mueller then took her turn to speak. She stated that, "The God that I know is an inclusive God. People are to be loved for their differences. We all must celebrate in our diversity."

In the weeks preceding the rally/protest, the Town Council chose not to promote the ACT UP civil disobedience. Their intentions were to hold only a peaceful demonstration. As the crowd dispersed there existed a feeling of satisfaction. A feeling our voices were heard. That our actions made a difference.

The spirited rally was well attended (above left). The signs said it all (above right). Early morning protesters made their presence known (below).



Undercover Exposé — Reporter Penetrates TVC

by Stacy Selmants

Interacting with overzealous angels of evangelism should be an unsettling experience, and I am expecting the worst.

It is 8:30 a.m. and I am cooing and billing at the Stepford Wife running the registration desk, admiring her pearls and waiting to be discovered as an imposter, an interloper at the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) Spring Legislative Briefing.

As a lion being thrown to the Christians, blending in with the crowd seems to be the safest route. (This analogy becomes especially apt later in the day when ACT UP demonstrates and a cowed Lou Sheldon tries to tame the protestors from a crouch, waving a hotel chair with a wild cry. However, for the time being, roaring is doubly difficult when constricted by tight pantyhose and an underwire bra.)

As the day unfolds, and the safe blanket of anonymity rests more comfortably, I begin to debate some of the more negotiable items on the TVC agenda with my neighbors. While no

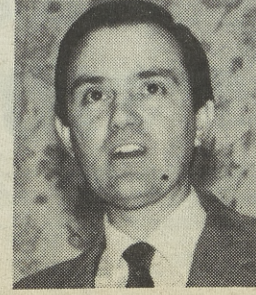
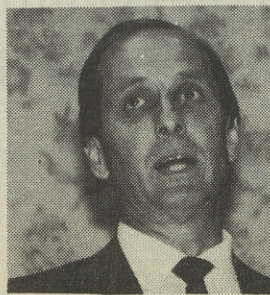
one yelps out, "Yes! You're right, and I don't know why I didn't see this before," there are attempts to be rational. Actually, the people here are pleasant, seemingly intelligent and I can even understand some of their views.

After listening to their presentations and reviewing their materials, the realization sets in that these folks have evolved from the "garage band" approach to political action. Gone are the cheap ramblings, the incoherent accusations and bad mimeographs circulated by previous state leaders of the New Right, such as Reverend Timberlake. Instead, we have savvy grassroots strategies, spokesmen in suits made of natural fibers, and desktop publishing with snazzy clip art. In the political arena, style wins over substance every time and the TVC has learned the best lesson of Capitol assimilation.

I throw a small cruise her way, just for sport



Speakers at TVC conference included "recovered" lesbian Sandra Berry (above) along with Tim Leslie, Newt Russell, Gil Ferguson and Eric Seastrand (below, l to r).



Welcome To My Nightmare

"It is not our intention to inflame discrimination or hatred. Our purpose is to educate the public regarding the politicizing of the homosexual agenda. TVC supports 'reparative therapy' and counseling those desiring to leave the lifestyle. TVC has successfully opposed local and statewide legislative attempts to grant protection to homosexuals."

"Traditional family values which are built into the fabric of our documents and history are under attack . . . TVC monitors and addresses these issues including the right of a family to educate their children at home, Right to Life, sexual abstinence outside of marriage, and monogamous heterosexual marriage."

"Pornography is the result of a serious and effective counter-

culture movement rooted in anti-biblicalism . . . TVC monitors, evaluates and affects legislative events, movements, court actions and civic developments to take an informed and aggressive stance against pornography."

" . . . TVC stands for the unborn declaring their God-given and Constitutional right to life and calling for legislation to free these silent victims of legalized murder."

These are a few of the quotes disseminated on a handout, encapsulating the prime tenets of the TVC. These handouts are an integral part of their outreach methodology of appointing and training Public Affairs Representatives (PARs) to perform liaison duties between the TVC and church congregations. Now each major (and minor) fundamentalist church will have a eager "flack" to control, package and disperse the correct message to the masses. It is totalitarianism — let us help you "polish" your messages — but such a friendly, warm kind of fascism that it flows right over you.

Role models are utilized extensively, and fall into two categories: the Saints and the (reformed) Sinners. The morning Saints session is a parade of righteous, white middle-class

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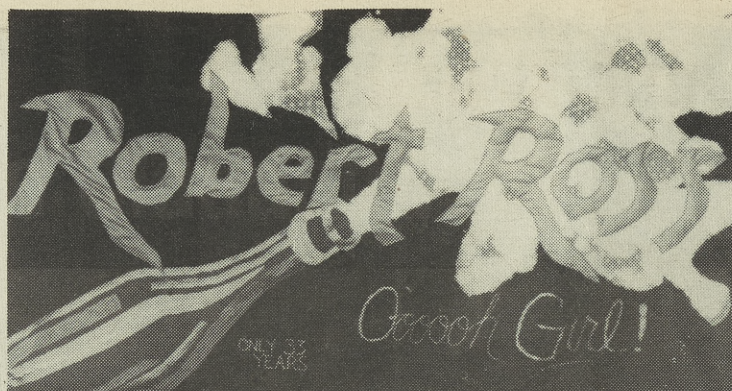
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ing. According to the SATA board, several events are scheduled to meet this goal.

On March 17, all proceeds from the Camp Awards Show will go directly to the Quilt Committee.

People are encouraged to make a memorial panel in remembrance of a loved one who has died of AIDS. For those who have limited space or funds, Joseph's Town & Country is generously donating space for quilting parties. The dates are Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 8 and 14; and Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 20 and April 17. Panels will be collected before the showing and displayed on the last weekend in April. Completed panels may also be turned in to the Lite



One of the panels that will be displayed at the Lite Rail Gallery from April 1 to April 25. The gallery will have auctions of art work from local galleries to help off-set the cost of the Sacramento Convention Center display April 28.

Rail Gallery in April at 918 12th St. Michael Xepoleas will exhibit the panels at his gallery April 1 - 23 prior to the full Quilt exhibition. The panels will then join the Names Project for the exhibition.

Providing a visual testament to the emotional process of putting together the Quilt, Mark Adler, Chris Young and Frances Wright presented beautiful memorial panels in memory of their friends and loved ones.

For information on making a memorial panel please contact Eddie Sue Love at 1-752-9122. For more information on the exhibition please contact the NAMES Project, P.O. Box 162166, Sacramento, Ca. 95816

or call the Quilt Committee at 441-6428.

The Quilt is designed to illustrate the AIDS epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics.

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men (and one older woman) who are running for U.S. Congress, and the State Assembly. Their appearances are augmented by string of charter members of the Neanderthal faction at the Capitol: Assemblymembers Phil Wyman (R-Bakersfield), Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beac, Eric Seastrand (R-San Luis Obispo), Tim Leslie (R-Sacramento) and Senator Newt Russell (R-Glendale). These demigods indulge in tedious demonstrations of "What Have I Done For You Lately?" and promote a variety of school prayer and antiabortion bills.

The Reformed Sinners come in the guise of two "Recovered Lesbians" named Sandra and Joanne who confess to the group that yes, they used to enjoy sucking face with girls, but now they "walk in dignity" with Jesus. Sandra refers to herself as a "radical evangelist" who has

of people we talk to are backslid brothers and sisters," I ask whether they try to reach out to gay/lesbian religious groups such as Dignity or MCC and am surprised to learn that they both shun converting those community members.

"They are already convinced that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle and they want us to do all the compromising. We cannot do that; and we prefer to concentrate on those people who are still searching," Sandra says with almost automaton sincerity.

I throw a small cruise her way, just for sport, and as a test. (After all, the push-up bra seems to a hit with the men at the Conference.) She is intent, glazed, with a familiar kind of fervor. No response, but she avoids my gaze for the rest of the afternoon. Sandra and Joanne seem two-dimensional and programmed, in contrast to the majority of the participants. However, in fairness, the others seem to have

ACT UP storms the meeting, right after the video on the joys of sexual abstinence.

been "out of the lifestyle" for seven years. However, when pressed about her nostalgia for the intimacy and warmth of lesbian lovemaking, she does concede that she does miss women and has been celibate since her "recovery"

These women habitually try to "recover" other gays and lesbians at gay bars. During lunch they describe why the gay/lesbian community is "easy" to reach, since "at least 50 percent

multi-faceted lives. Sandra and Joanne are martyrs. Their main preoccupation is NOT being lesbians, much as a recovered alcoholic's major objective is NOT drinking. It is an ugly spectacle — of someone losing the remnants of free will.

The Natives Are Restless

After lunch, communication with the outside world shuts down. The "We Love Homosexuals" grudging acceptance of the gay press evident in the morning has been eclipsed by a sudden undercurrent of paranoia, and closed doors. I have been alerted that ACT UP is lurking and planning a bit of civil sabotage later in the day.

And finally, they do storm the meeting, right after the video on the joys of sexual abstinence. A brawl ensues, Lou Sheldon dives for cover in a bit of stage business, and tries to keep the crowd at bay with a chair. Twenty-nine protestors are arrested for trespassing, we all make the evening news, and the people from the wilds of Sanger, Lodi, and Benecia return to their cars with wild tales of life in Sacramento.

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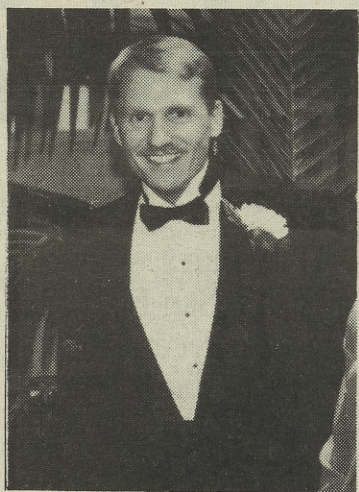
by Michael Sestak

On February 23, Tower Gallery hosted a very special fundraiser for CARES — the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services.

This was the first ever fundraiser held for CARES. The event also marked the first time a part of Sacramento's business community has stepped in to help the clinic at 2710 Capitol Avenue.

Over 400 people attended the blacktie cocktail party which featured works by nationally known artist Kerry Sutton and internationally recognized artist Robert Hoppe, who died of AIDS in 1989. Ticket proceeds and money raised from a silent auction went directly to CARES. Tower Gallery also generously donated 25% of sales of Sutton's and Hoppe's works that were sold that evening. To date, "more than \$13,000 has been raised and the money keeps coming in," says Sutton. The Sierra Foundation, a private non-profit organization in California that funds health related organizations agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$125,000.

Sutton's show, "I Dream Myself Alive" symbolized his confrontation with death. "I'm a totally different person," said Sutton who is HIV positive. "It made me turn spiritual and my work reflects that." Kerry has been described as a visionary with the ability to convey the



Artist Kerry Sutton.

world of the metaphysical. Sutton, 37, has been painting since he was 11 yrs. old and has more than 500 paintings in collections across the country and on 5 continents. His works contain pyramids, crystals, geometric shapes and transparent male and female figures. These metaphysical symbols are what he uses while meditating and relaxing. Sutton said, "I thank God for this gift of creation and for the strength that has been given me. I only pray that my gift may be shared and help others."

The creation of CARES stems from efforts by the Sierra Foundation and 11 area hospitals searching for a way to meet the area's growing AIDS caseload. Merle Wolfe, President and CEO of American River Hospital addressed the partygoers at the fundraiser. He urged everyone to get involved in the battle against AIDS. He also expressed the urgent need for funds from the local business community to keep programs and clinics like CARES in operation.

Lambda Letters Makes a Difference

by Arturo Jackson III

The Lambda Auction of 1990 was held on March 11 at the Lambda Community Center and was hosted by the Lambda Letters Project.

There was a wide variety of items donated by both businesses and individuals to raise funds for the project. Highlights of donated items included \$50 travel gift certificates donated by Aladdin Travel and a two night trip for two to Reno donated by All Travel Services. The funds raised by the auction will benefit the Lambda Letters Project.

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women's issues. The Lambda Letters Project generated nearly 1,700 letters last year on issues of importance to our community. In the past few months of 1990, the group has already generated over 500 letters and has a set goal of 5,000 letters which will be sent to politicians by the end of the year. The Lambda Letters Project was started by Boyce Hinman upon his return from the March on Washington in October of 1987. Two days after returning from the March on Washington the first of the Helm amendments which eliminated education funding was passed and served as the motivation for Mr. Hinman to start the Lambda Letters Project.

The Lambda Letters Project, fashioned after the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington D.C., is a non-partisan group and has been effective in enlisting political support on is-

issues of importance. Early last year, the Lambda Letter Project generated letters on behalf of two women in the military accused of being lesbians. Politician Robert Matsui's intervened on the women's behalf after being made aware of the incident by letters generated by the project. The politician contacted the base commander for an explanation of his actions and when unsatisfied with his response ordered the man to Washington D.C. to explain his actions in person. According to Hinman, "we can become an effective organization wielding influence in the governor's office, the state legislature and in Congress."

The Lambda Letters Project depends on volunteers and is especially in need of individuals with good analytical and communication skills as well as individuals to focus on fundraising activities. Mr. Hinman emphasizes that anyone who would like to become involved with the project is welcome and the group is always in need of volunteers. For more information and to volunteer some time with the project, phone Boyce Hinman at (916) 965-6851.

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The Lambda Letters Project is a local group of dedicated individuals committed to generating thousands of letters annually to political office holders. The letters urge the politicians to support or oppose legislation on AIDS related issues, gay and lesbian rights and



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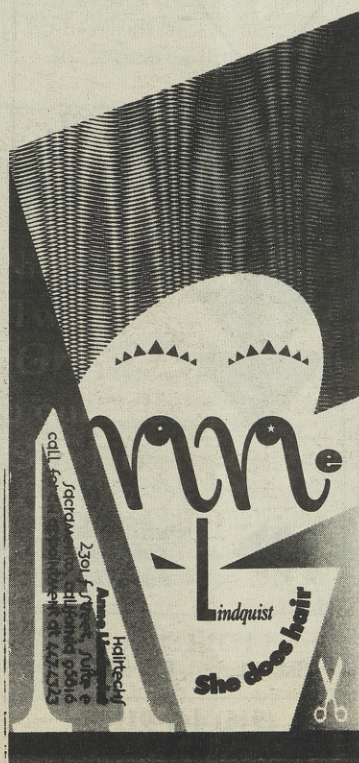
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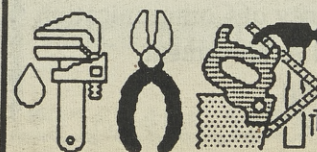
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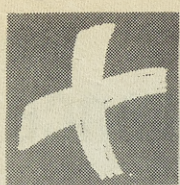


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600 Million Targeted for AIDS

by Arturo Jackson III

On March 6, in an unprecedented funding action, Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) introduced emergency legislation which would designate \$600 million to cities and states hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic.

"America responded within days to the California earthquake," said Kennedy, "We have pledged tens of billions to rescue the savings and loan industry. AIDS is a comparable disaster and we need to respond accordingly."

The legislative proposal will equate the AIDS epidemic to a natural disaster and funding proposals will be distributed in much the same manner that federal disaster relief funds are dispersed. The Kennedy-Hatch measure would distribute 50 percent of the total legislative

funding according to the disaster distribution formula. The remaining 50 percent of the designated funding according to the disaster proposal would be spent if a crisis need remains. The bill proposes that \$600 million be spent in fiscal year 1991-92 with additional funding appropriations to be delegated in fiscal years 1993-95. The intent of the senators in introducing the emergency AIDS funding proposal is to assist health care service providers in 13 cities and twenty states where health care services are strained by the im-

pact of the AIDS epidemic.

The legislation is the result of a recommendation in January by the National Commission on AIDS that cities hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic which receive inadequate federal, state and local funds be eligible to receive disaster-style relief. The commission stressed the critical need to shift spending from expensive and overburdened hospitals to community and home health service providers. \$300 million of the proposed total in funding will be spent in 13 cities with a total of 74,363 diagnosed AIDS cases or 61 percent of the nations total cases. The cities slated to receive emergency funding once the legislation is approved are San Francisco, Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Washington D.C.

The remaining \$300 million will be distributed to the 20

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OSHA Takes Action

by Arturo Jackson III

A laundry worker at a San Francisco hospital recently testified about being jabbed with hypodermic needles tossed in with the bloody laundry he cleans.

A paramedic testified that his clothes are frequently soaked through to his underwear with blood after treating accident victims and that most of his co-workers don't take any precautions in such circumstances, not even wearing rubber gloves when administering emergency IV's. And "Jane Doe," a San Francisco nurse infected with HIV at work after being pricked by an infected needle, testified on videotape about the need for better designed needles to help prevent such accidents.

The three were among hundreds of health-care workers who testified last month on proposed federal regulations under

consideration to help protect health-care, public-safety and workers in related fields from HIV, hepatitis and similar infectious diseases that are increasingly striking public sector workers.

OSHA has proposed health and public sector employers spend some \$852 million annually in an effort to protect the estimated 4.7 million workers nationally.

In addition, the proposed new OSHA rules would encompass park and highway maintenance workers, street sweepers and garbage collectors who may come in contact with blood or other body fluids through discarded needles.

The proposed regulations would require training and education regarding safe work practices and the extent of job risks involved. It would also provide free immunizations against hepatitis B, and routine use of gloves, gowns, masks or other protective clothing depending on the nature of the job. In addition, the new rules call for containers for disposing used needles and any blood-soaked material. The rules should go into effect this fall.

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Possible Vaccine Tested

by Arturo Jackson III

On March 6, Alpha 1 Biomedicals Inc., a small biotech company received approval from the California regulatory authorities to begin human testing within the state of a potential AIDS vaccine HGP-30.

Authorization to begin the vaccine trials was sought from "California's mini-FDA", the Food and Drug Branch of the California Department of Health Services after federal FDA approval was denied in 1987.

"California's mini-FDA" law was enacted in 1987 to speed work on possible AIDS vaccines and therapies in the state. Alpha 1 Biomedicals Inc., based in Washington, is the third possible AIDS vaccine or treatment approved for testing in human trials under the state's mini-FDA law. While the first two vaccine trial applications were submitted directly to "California's

mini-FDA" for approval, the application for HGP-30 was submitted after being denied on the federal level by the FDA.

The FDA stated that its office of biologics research and review had examined the application and requested "additional information on the drug's characterization and safety," but did not receive a response from the drug company. According to Dr. Allan L. Goldstein, chairman of biochemistry at the George Washington University Medical Center and the chief scientific adviser and founder of Alpha 1 Biomedicals Inc., "we gave up on the FDA process."

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"Out Write '90" Inspires 1100 Gay Writers

by Keith Clark

Over 1,100 lesbian and gay writers, poets, publishers, agents and just plain literati descended on San Francisco's Cathedral Hill Hotel March 3 and 4 for a first-of-its-kind conference in U.S. history.

"Out Write '90," which drew authors John Preston, Susan Griffin and Dell Richards, poets Judy Grahn and Allen Ginsberg, and editors from such publishing houses as St. Martin's Press, South End Press and a half-dozen or so others. The conference, with workshops on topics ranging from lesbian/gay murder mysteries and erotica to the economics of publishing and writing in the closet, was sponsored by the San Francisco-based "Out/Look" magazine, a literary and cultural quarterly.

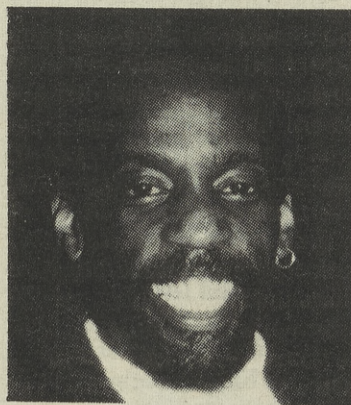
Two major themes developed at capacity plenary sessions during the two-day conference: that the lesbian/gay publishing field is thriving and that the recent right-wing attacks on lesbian/gay art cannot silence it.

Michael Denny, senior editor with St. Martin's Press, called the recent explosion in lesbian/gay publishing "the literary manifestation of a vast transformation of social reality," and compared it to a similar boom in black publishing that grew out of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

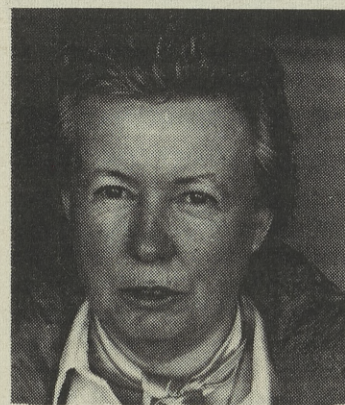
Poet Allen Ginsberg set the tone of the second major theme when he called Sen. Jesse Helms (D-NC) a "tobacco cult senator

and a cancer peddler" and told the conference Helms' "obsession indicates some sort of sexual disturbance on his part."

Several speakers in the ethn-



Essex Hemphill.



Judy Grahn.

ically diverse opening sessions also addressed prejudices within our own communities.

Jane DeLynn, a New York-based novelist and playwright, described how a group of lesbians had walked out on a performance of one of her plays because it depicted domestic violence. DeLynn told the audience, "We all know that doesn't happen, don't we?"

Philadelphia-based writer and activist Essex Hemphill electri-

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Andy Rooney Back On CBS After Suspension

by Keith Clark

Andy Rooney, suspended last month from CBS News' "60 Minutes" over remarks about blacks having "watered down their genes" and comments he made on the program that called "homosexual unions" one of several "self-induced" behaviors that are "known to lead quite often to premature death," returned to the popular TV program Sunday, March 4, with his usual commentary, but without apologies for either comments.

CBS News president David Burke rescinded Rooney's suspension after three weeks following heavy lobbying by the commentator's supporters, along with thousands of letters and telephone calls from viewers demanding his return and seri-

ous slippage in ratings for "60 Minutes."

Rooney, as reported in the February 27 issue of The Advocate, denied having made the comments that reporter Chris Bull quoted him as saying.

In defending himself, Rooney

recalled that he had kicked someone out of his home years ago for repeatedly using the word "nigger," adding that "I'd feel the same today if someone used an insulting word about homosexuals." Rooney said he hadn't realized that what he had said "would hurt them."

In announcing Rooney's return to "60 Minutes," Burke earlier in March said, "We have all learned a great deal about how deeply people and groups can be hurt if great care is not taken in public discourse."

Craig Davidson, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), applauded Rooney's comments on the Sunday program. "Mr. Rooney's anecdotal

remarks," Davidson said, "contain an acknowledgment that his statements about gay people were unfair and harmful. That is what GLAAD has sought all along and we welcome it."

Local GLAAD members, however, were less sanguine about Rooney's comments. A Sacramento member, Everett Denman said, "It took a racist statement to bring action against Andy Rooney but a homophobic statement was essentially ignored."

For many lesbians and gay men Rooney's rhetorical question, "What do I do to justify the action David Burke ... has taken in putting me back on the air?" remains largely unanswered.

New S.F. AIDS Research Facility

by Keith Clark

San Francisco — City health officials announced here that a major AIDS research facility, — the first in the nation to be devoted exclusively to conduct research into the disease — is under construction at San Francisco General Hospital.

The Molecular Biology/AIDS Research Center, a cooperative project of state and city health agencies and the University of California at San Francisco Med-

ical Center, is expected to be open by mid-1991. It will join the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., and the famed Pasteur Institute in Paris as the

third such center in the world conducting research into the epidemic.

A committee headed by 1989 Nobel Prize winners in medicine, Drs. Harold Varmus and Michael Bishop, is currently searching for key directors for the new facility which will do basic research in molecular biology, virology and neurology. The center will tap into medical expertise of researchers throughout the Bay Area including the Stanford University Medical Center, the University

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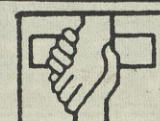


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Lesbians Win NEA Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has recently selected three openly lesbian writers as winners of \$20,000 fellowship grants, reports 'The Washington Blade'.

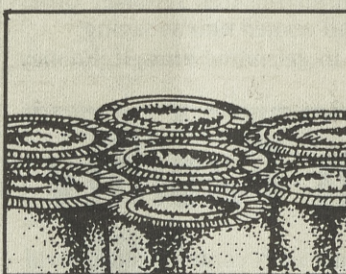
Writers Audre Lorde, Minnie Bruce Pratt and Chrystos received grants to support their individual writing projects for one year. The lesbian poet/authors were chosen along with 94 other American writers to receive the NEA's Creative Writing Fellowships for 1990.

The decision to support these writers, known for their homoerotic content, comes at a time when Congress has issued an amendment which is designed to deny funds or projects that "promote, disseminate, or produce materials . . . which may be considered obscene" and which include descriptions of "sodomasochism" or "homoeroticism."

NEA chairman John Frohn-mayer said the grants are intended to "play some small part in nurturing a literature that truly reflects the immense diversity of the United States."

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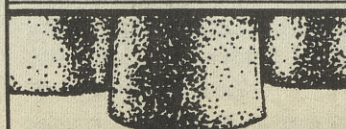


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Frank: Gays Should Emulate King

Rep. Barney Frank told an overflow crowd at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center last Friday that Gays should use Martin Luther King Jr.'s model of pragmatic politics and carefully planned demonstrations to fight for their rights.

Frank, speaking before a meeting of the Twenties Club, a group of Gay young adults, cautioned against angry demonstrations instead of strategies designed to win, rather than lose, support by lawmakers and the public.

"Rev. King always made sure the press and the public perceived his civil disobedience as taking the high moral ground," said Frank. Although he did not say so directly, Frank's statements appeared to be referring to the recent tactics of the New York-based Gay protest group ACT UP. In December, the group disrupted a Catholic Mass in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, drawing the condemnation of Mayor David Dinkins and Gov. Mario Cuomo, both Democrats who support Gay rights.

Frank's appearance before the Twenties Club was his first official speaking engagement before a D.C. Gay group since The Washington Times broke the story about his hiring and subsequent firing a prostitute as a personal aide.

The Washington Blade

Gay Attorney Running For State Senate

Gay civil rights attorney John J. Duran of Santa Ana has filed his declaration of intention seeking the Democratic nomination in the 32nd State Senate District. This district includes Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Fullerton, Stanton and parts of Anaheim.

According to Duran, "I can no longer sit back and watch the district being ignored by Senator Ed Royce. The district is being pelted with malathion. Senator Royce is noticeable silent on this issue, although he sits on the Senate Health Committee. We need a leader to stop malathion spraying in Orange County by exerting influence in Sacramento, not bowing to the interests of big business."

Duran is known as long-time foe of the Reverend Lou Sheldon from the Anaheim-based Coalition for Traditional Values. According to Duran, "Senator Royce is a political puppet for Lou Sheldon and his coalition. I believe the voters in the district are sick and tired of Jerry Falwell and Lou Sheldon trying to dictate public policy and restrict Constitutional liberties. This country was founded on the freedom of all religions to co-exist, not the concept of one religious point of view suppressing the rest."

The S.F. Sentinel

ACT UP Votes Against Boycotting Conference

New York's AIDS protest group ACT UP last week voted against boycotting the upcoming Sixth Annual International AIDS conference in San Francisco.

Whether or not to boycott the annual June conference has become a bone of contention among some AIDS organizations. Some, like San Francisco's Shanti Project and the National Association of People with AIDS, have decided to boycott the conference to show their opposition to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service's policy of prohibiting HIV antibody positive people from entering the country without first obtaining a special waiver. Others, like National AIDS Network, have said a boycott would be "counter-productive to our collective goal of providing effective AIDS education and services in our communities."

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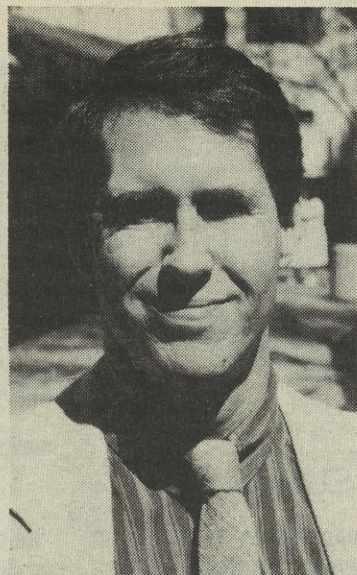
Doolittle told reporters at a Capitol press conference, "This is an open seat. We're expecting it to be vigorously contested."

Democrat Patricia Malberg, a retired school teacher who ran unsuccessfully against Shumway in 1988 has already declared her intention to bid for the congressional seat again this November. But in announcing his candidacy, Doolittle said he

A way of getting the senator out of the capital.

didn't expect any other Republicans to oppose him in the June primary.

Despite Doolittle's right-wing AIDS record in the California Senate, political activists in Sacramento appeared to welcome his bid for the U.S. House of Representatives as a way of getting the senator out of the capital.



Rand Martin.

Rand Martin, executive director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE Lobby), said, "People around the capitol think that Doolittle would do a lot less damage in Congress than he can do in the State Senate. He would be one of 435 representatives as opposed to one of 40 state senators. He's just got too much access to power here that he's not going to have in Washington D.C."

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fied the audience with an eloquent and impassioned speech that attacked racism among gays and lesbians. In a voice that quivered with emotion, Hemphill told the audience, "Some people would have you think that AIDS brought the community together. But what it has done is point out how extreme the differences are between us."

"There's no way they (the government) can silence our voices."

Hemphill said later that the standing ovation given his speech and the outpouring of thanks from participants afterward encouraged him about gays and lesbians "overcoming the divisions within our communities."

Conference organizers said "Out Write '90" had been planned for over a year but that Helms' successful challenge to federal funding for a photo exhibit by the late Robert Mapplethorpe last year had given a political edge to the conference. "Out/Look" managing editor Debra Chasnoff called the conference "an act of defiance" and said "there's no way they (the government) can silence our voices." Despite the seemingly

enormous success of the "Out Write '90" conference, it is uncertain whether there will be another in the future. "Out/Look" co-publisher Kim Klausner said following the conference that the magazine was unsure if it had broken even or not.

Audio tapes of each of the conference workshops are available by asking for an "Out Write '90" order form from the Conference Recording Service, 1308 Gilman, Berkeley CA 94706.

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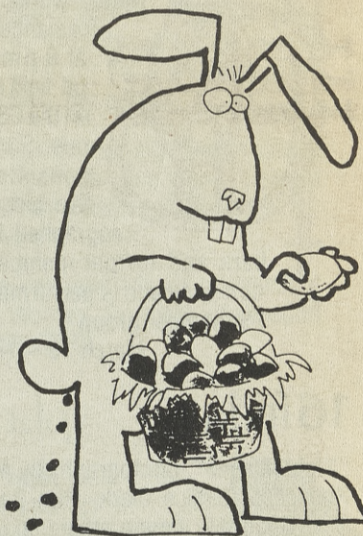
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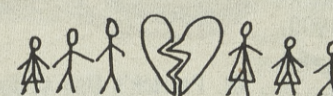
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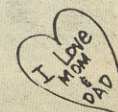
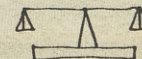


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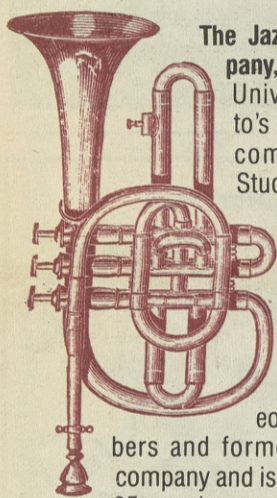
PLAN-IT

March

15 thursday

'SNOOPY' will be performed by the young people's theater division of the Davis Musical Theatre Company. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. For more information call DMTC at (916) 756-DMTC. March 3 - 31

'Brigadoon' will be performed by the Davis Musical Theatre Company at the DMTC Theatre located at 2121 2nd Street in Davis. For more information call (916) 756-3682. Feb 23 - April 1



The Jazz-ee Dance Company, California State University, Sacramento's resident dance company presents Studio Works. All performances begin at 8 pm and will be held in PE 187 on the CSUS campus. Studio work consists of five five pieces choreographed by members and former members of the company and is performed by the 25 member group. March 15 - 17, 23, 24

16 friday

'Sight Images', photography by Ann Marie Rousseau, Janice Clark, Ron Barnet and Dave Spagnolo among others on display at Rush Haven Coffee Co. 4408 San Juan Ave. Fair Oaks. For details 965-RUSH. March 16 - April 1990



Sacramento's first Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest will be held at the Wreck Room and starts at 8 p.m. The event will be sponsored by the Sacramento Leather Association and will have special guests in attendance. Proceeds of the event will go to benefit charity. For more information call (916) 927-5861.

18 sunday

Lawrence Venza, known as an outstanding baritone will perform in concert at the Crocker Art Museum ballroom from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information contact the Crocker Art Museum at (916) 449-5423.



Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation "Rescue" holds its general meeting from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information call (916) 443-7876.

Whale watching at Point Reyes coordinated by Camping Women, a local camping women's group. For more information call (916) 366-3762. March 16 - 18

'Women's History Month Party' a presentation of Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACWN) at the Clarion Hotel located at 16th and H Streets. Hors D'oeuvres at 6:30 with the program beginning at 7:15 p.m. An event for women 21 years and older. SACWN Inc., P.O. Box 661332, Sacramento, CA. 95866.

Whole Foods Cooking Class sponsored by the Natural Foods CO-OP located at 1900 Alhambra Blvd will start at 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 and limited to the first 15 people who preregister. For more information call (916) 455-2667.

19 monday

Women's Rap Group will discuss "Positively Lesbian" and will meet from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 4420185.

MONDAYS

"Being Gay Today" will be shown at 10 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 47. A one hour show highlighting lesbian and gay television shows from around the nation and beyond.

20 tuesday

PAWS Award Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Celebrities. 486-4424

PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will meet at 7:30 p.m. The agenda of the evening is a rap session to be hosted by Dr. Will Green, M.D. The group will meet at St. Marks United Methodist Church located at 2391 St. Marks Way (corner of Lusk) in Sacramento. For more information contact Merrill or Muriel Follansbee and PFLAG at (916) 444-9510.

TUESDAYS

"Being Gay Today" will be shown at 5 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 47. Repeat of the Monday broadcast.

21 wednesday

HIV Negative Partners with HIV Positive Partners, a new is a new peer driven support group and meets at the Lambda Community Center from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Call Kevin at (916) 737-1088 for more information.

23 friday



Marga Gomez will perform for one show only at Joseph's Town and Country. The show begins in the Cabaret Room at 10 p.m. \$5 cover charge with a two drink minimum.

'Wheel of Fortune' hosted by Pillars, a gay social networking group. 'Vannah and Company' will preside over the event with fun, prizes and surprises for everyone! For more information call (916) 455-1771.

24 saturday



RSVP Tours hosts an all-gay Mexican Riviera Cruise. Call 800-328-RSVP for more information.

"Between Us Sis'tuhs" - Sacramento Black Women's Network will host an all day conference for personal and profession development from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sacramento City College. For more information call (916) 449-7396.

25 sunday

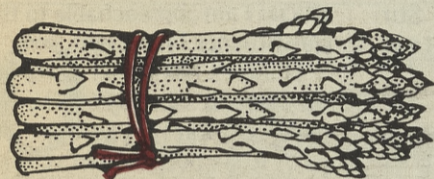
Family Festival Celebrates 'Color' at the Crocker Art Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Explore the world of colors as local artists and performers share their color works and the opportunity to view the museum's collection of color. For more information call (916) 449-5423.

26 monday

Women's Rap Group will hold an "Open Rap" from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

Assertiveness Training for Men and Women will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at Sacramento City College in room B238. Learn alternatives to anger, frustration, and passivity through a new assertiveness that is neither abrasive or offensive to others.

27 tuesday



Healthy Heart Cooking Class is hosted by Sacramento Natural Foods CO-OP's Consumer Services Department is designed for beginners and will start at 6:30 p.m. The class will highlight the uses of tofu and the way to cut fat in the diet. For more information call (916) 455-2667.

28 wednesday

'Art for the Common Man: German Popular Painting of the 19th Century' presented in a forum by Janice Driesbach at the Crocker Art Museum from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$6 for CAMA members \$7 for non-members. For more information call (916) 449-5423.

29 thursday

'Immune System Imagery and Quality of Life' with Edward Pio. Part of the Healthy Living Series of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. 7-9 p.m. at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K Street. For more information call Joe Chase at 448-2437.

31 saturday

Mr. Central Valley Drummer 1990 will be held at Joseph's Town and Country at 8 p.m. Lots of entertainment, leather fantasies and hot men. Winner of the contest will compete at the Mr. Northern California Drummer Contest. \$5 cover charge at the door. Special guests in attendance as well. For more information call (916) 927-5861.



1 sunday



Birding Trip, a half-day adventure will be coordinated by Camping Women, a local gay women's camping group. The group will go on a half day field trip in Ansel Hoffman Park. For more information call (916) 362-3175.

2 monday

Women's Rap Group hosts Fantasy Circle from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. For more information call (916) 442-1085.

"Outlook", lesbian/gay video show will feature a discussion of gay life in the Holy Land, High Tech gays and a lesbian/gay organization from San Jose at 10:30 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 47. For more information call (415) 861-1362.

3 tuesday

"Outlook", lesbian/gay video show program repeats at 5:30 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 47. For more information call (415) 861-1362.

Sacramento Area Gay/Lesbian Real Estate Professionals meeting and no-host lunch, 11:30 am at the Town House, 1517 21st Street, Sacramento. For more information or reservations call Jayne Rountree at 921-6642 before April 2.

4 wednesday

Joseph's Town and Country celebrates their 2nd Anniversary, special events and festivities are planned.

Avoiding Care Giver Burn-Out, a program of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Healthy Living Series. 1900 K Street. For more info call Joe Chase at 448-2437.

HIV Negative Partners with HIV Positive Partners, a new peer driven support group and will meet at the Lambda Community Center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call Kevin (916) 737-1088.

5 thursday

Fetish and Fantasy Ball hosted by Alan Selby of Mr. S Leathers. Dreamland, 8 p.m. in San Francisco. A benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. \$10. Cover at the door. For more info call (408) 298-1115.

April

6 friday

Black Elegance Ball at the Civic Center Holiday Inn, San Francisco. Featuring the contestants for Ms. International Leather. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$5. cover. For more info call (408) 298-1115.

7 saturday

A Cavalcade of Stars at Joseph's Town and Country featuring local and out of town entertainers. A benefit for the Names Project Quilt in Sacramento.

Bowl-A-Thon, a fundraiser for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation will be held at Land Park located at 5850 Freeport from 1-4 p.m. For more information contact SAF at 448-2437.

The Ms. International Leather Competition at the California Club in San Francisco. 8 p.m., Tickets \$20. per person. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Send to International Ms. Leather, 635 Stockton Ave., San Jose, CA 95126 or call (408) 298-1115.

9 monday

Women's Rap Group hosts a potluck from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

15 sunday



19 thursday

The Imperial Roast, at the Mercantile Saloon, 1928 L Street, Sacramento. 8 - 10 p.m.



20 friday

'Fiddler On The Roof' will be performed at State Theater in Oroville. John Nylund who received critical acclaim for his performance in Birdcage Theatre 'Oklahoma' last year. Performances are scheduled for April 21, 27 and 28 with tick prices ranging from \$6 to \$10. Tickets may be picked up at Kelly's Books or Valley Music in Oroville or ordered by calling 553-BIRD.

April 20 - 28

The Imperial Out-of-Town Show, at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento. Show starts at 10 p.m.

Roberta Achtenberg, a leading political candidate in the Bay Area, and attorney actively engaged in gay and lesbian rights cases will be SACWN's special guest speaker. At the Holiday Inn, Madison Ave. and Interstate 80, Sacramento. 6:30 registration, 7 - 8 social hour, 8 - 9:30 program. Cost, \$12. pre-paid member, \$15. at the door. For details call 486-8985. An event for women 21 and over.

21 saturday



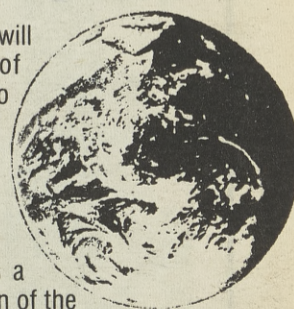
Coronation 1990, A Trip Down the Nile an Egyptian Fantasy, at Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street, Sacramento. This is most entertaining and awe inspiring event of the year for the CGNIE court system. Stepping down of Empress XVI Stacey and Emperor XVI Paul. Tickets are \$20. per person.

Get Down to the Motown Sound at Clunie Clubhouse. Contact Thrill Seekers at 454-6112 for more information.

Delta Canoe Campout will be coordinated by Camping Women. For more information call (916) 451-6979.

22 sunday

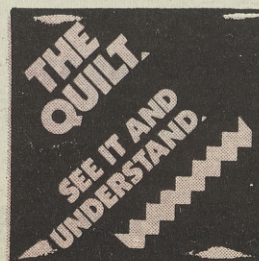
Earth Day 1990, will launch a "decade of the environment" to create groundswell of support for environmentally sound acts, investments, policies, behavior and beliefs across a broad cross-section of the world's inhabitants. Earth Day 1990 has one overriding goal which must always remain at the forefront: "to build a safe, just, sustainable planet."



The Victory Brunch and Awards for the new Empress of Sacramento at the Bull Market, 815 11th Street, Sacramento. 11 a.m., \$15.00 per person, includes brunch, tax and tip.

28 saturday

The Names Project Quilt will be displayed at the Sacramento Community Center. For more information call 446-3087



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states that have more than one percent of the total number of reported AIDS cases as of 1989. The states include California, Florida, Texas, New York, New Jersey and Illinois. The stipulated funds must be spent on health support services such as early intervention, home health delivery services to low-income individuals and therapeutics to prolong life. States would be re-



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quired to relinquish half the allotted funding directly to local rural communities where the AIDS epidemic is beginning to shift. According to the Dept. Health and Human Services, the rate of diagnosed AIDS cases from 1988-1989 was 5 percent in large metropolitan areas and 37 percent in smaller cities and rural towns.

The bill was introduced with 21 co-sponsors including Senators Alan Cranston, D-Calif. and Pete Wilson, R-Calif., and is expected to be the most important AIDS legislation of 1990. Concerns raised over the administrative costs of the fund distribution will be discussed in Senate hearings tentatively scheduled for May. The bill will then go to the House of Representatives and either be approved or returned to the Senate for further negotiations. Upon approval from the House, the bill will go before President Bush whose signature will release the funds. The bill has received the support of a broad range of religious, civil rights and AIDS groups.

WOMEN

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ing. "First I was a Democrat candidate running in what was thought to be a stereotypical Republican conservative district, home base to both the NRA and Operation Rescue . . . Second, there were three major points of contention between myself and Republican candidate, Carol Bently." The 3 points were pro-choice, gun-control, and offshore drilling, all three carrying major opposition from her competitor. Killea felt that the constituency of her district were well "educated, professional, and multi issue oriented." She said, "The voters want someone they can trust, someone they can agree with in a general way" . . . and well, the rest is current history.

When asked what advice she would give to other women as they seek to empower their own lives, she says, "It is a building process. Get into your community, volunteer, work hard, and show what you can. Women need to learn how they can influence issues."

In her senate campaign, Killea found that the abortion issue was "really a separation of religious beliefs for me and what my public duty is." Killea believes the answer to the abortion problem lies in the education of children and teenagers in suitably structured programs as early as possible. "This is very conducive for positive and life-affirming sex education," Killea said. "Parents need to talk with their children very openly about sex, as it is a part of life; and if they understand the consequences, use self-restraint and precaution, we might end up with the right to legal abortions, yet decreasing the need. This would be the ideal situation."

In her district, there is a Human Dignity Ordinance, which just recently received approval of the city council. This ordinance is San Diego's first attempt at a non-discrimination ordinance based on sexual orientation. When asked how she felt about the need to have an ordinance which specifically protects gays and lesbians, she immediately affirmed that it was necessary. "I think it is very important, in light of the increase of hate crimes brought upon gay and lesbian people. This community deserves the same protection as given to other law abiding citizens, and in our community, it has been the skin-heads who have chosen gays to be the object of their hatred and bigotry . . . so I feel that we, as elected officials, have an obligation to continue working seriously in this area to fight this type of prejudice."

Senator Killea was elected to a seat vacated by Senator Stirling, who resigned to accept a judicial appointment.

During our interview with Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter, R-Riverside, it became obvious that she had obtained her success, or if you will, empowerment the old fashioned way — she earned it!

Growing up in conservative and mostly Republican North Dakota, she was very aware of a "deep activist streak" running within her. However, she had not really considered a political office as an ambition. When asked why she chose politics she responded by saying, "I first became involved through the California Nursing Association." She earned her B.S. and Masters in nursing and became "actively involved in fighting legislation which would have disrupted licensing and education for nursing." "Once I was involved with that, I realized you can kill a bill, but you can't kill a philosophy." She enjoyed the involvement and influence on the issues. This in turn led to further involvement and activism, especially in the nursing field. She realized then "that in order to have your issues heard, you have to work within the party of your choice, and you must be willing to participate with volunteer time and in activities for a campaign."

It was her hard work and volunteer ethic which brought her an appointment to the Board of Registered Nurses in 1983 by Governor Deukmejian. Her responsibilities not only included running 7 departments while having direct oversight on an \$800 million budget.

Hunter finished her masters in 1983 and remembers while interviewing for a job that she was asked to name one short



Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter.

term and one long term goal. "For my short term I wanted to be director of Surgical Services, for my long term, to become president of the United States." Assemblywoman Hunter enjoys serving in the state political scene rather than the federal for two reasons. "First, I feel I can have a greater impact on political actions, and second as a state official I am approachable to the constituency I represent."

Hunter's ties to her party are very strong. She says, "The Republican Party was the first party to support women's choice in regard to abortion, anti-slavery, and the ERA. "The party that I belong to is the GOP party which embraces the platform of nonintrusion in family life and business."

When asked what advice she could offer women toward empowering themselves she said, "I urge women to contribute more to campaigns, both on a volunteer level as well as financial. Many legislators have come to realize that women do not contribute financially. We have to change that image."

Choice was a major issue during her campaign for the State Assembly seat. "This is a common-sense issue. I received support during my campaign from both sides. The voters today have grown beyond a single issue voting ethic." When asked what she sees as the answer to the abortion problem she quickly responded, "education." "There must be preventative education in our schools at the earliest level. Parents and teachers must be provided with the proper tools to effectively teach children to protect themselves."

Over the past several months, during the various Republican conventions, the issue of inclusion and openness has been a hot topic. When asked if she supports party inclusion of gays and lesbians, Assemblywoman Hunter replied, "I support the inclusion of gays and lesbians in the party. We should no more discriminate by virtue of orientation than we should disallow members based on ethnicity."

Assemblywoman Hunter replaced Assemblyman Bradley who died while in office.

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Olivia Cruise A Party

by Raeann Jones

Olivia Records first all-women's cruise was a raving success. The cruise boasted a musical cast including Diane Davidson, Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Chris Williamson and Teresa Trull.

The concerts took place in the Rendezvous lounge after each evening meal. Special mention should be given to Tret Fure for performing under the throws of motion sickness!

Excellent food and first-class service were, of course, expected on this big-ticket 4 day event ranging in costs of \$850 to \$1,250. The galley served up such mouth-watering dishes as baked Alaska, fresh Lobster tail, and escargot appetizers along with exotic fruits and international cheeses. Our suites were serviced with fresh linens and towels twice daily and some creative touches were always added. The Captain of the Dolphin IV (perfect name for lesbian clientele) was from the Greek island of Lesbos and was very receptive to our "special" needs. In fact, in the spirit of Valentines Day, he united two women in marriage aboard the ship.

Ports of Call included the gay mecca, Key West, Nassau and a private island called the Blue Lagoon. I could have spent more time exploring any one of these

places, but I had a hard time leaving the Blue Lagoon. A reclaimed dumpsite, the Blue Lagoon had been polished into a turquoise gem. White sands scattered with swaying palms, turquoise waters littered with bright neon fishes, and women, gorgeous, brown women everywhere. We played volleyball, did the limbo—my isn't she limber?!—and worshipped the great, golden sun Goddess.

The last night aboard the Dolphin IV the spontaneously funny Marga Gomez hosted a talent show in which the Thrill Seekers received a standing ovation with our "Cruise-Control" rendition of "Under the Boardwalk". We, of course, took every opportunity available to promote our Adventures by drawing people in to all the fun we were having. We were truly the "Fun Ambassadors".

I appreciate the increasing opportunities for women to network in an atmosphere of fun and freedom. We have so much to share and learn with each other at work and play.

Betty Berzon

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RESEARCH

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of California at San Francisco (UCSF), and the numerous biotechnology research firms.

The committee is headed by 1989 Nobel Prize winners in medicine, Drs. Harold Varmus and Michael Bishop.

The new facility will consist of 31 laboratories and a staff of 60 to 70 clinical workers under the direction of a half dozen principal investigators. Research at the new center will be in addition to the already intense clinical work conducted by the UCSF and other medical facilities in the area, making the Bay Area the cite of more basic AIDS research than anywhere else in the world. UCSF and San Francisco General Hospital are already conducting over 60 different studies with experimental AIDS treatments. Additional basic research is also going on at Stanford University's Medical Center and at other facilities and biotechnology firms throughout the Bay Area.

Dr. Mary Pittman-Lindeman, director of planning at the San Francisco Health Department, said, "We hope this research facility, through the development of a vaccine or some other breakthrough, will contribute to the end of the epidemic."

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RCDC Demos Do It

On March 3, the River City Democratic Club held its first community open forum to discuss issues and direction of the organization. Approximately 26 individuals attended the gathering at Barbara Disney's "The Attic" located on 2nd and 24th.

The intent of this forum was to get input from the local community, members and non-members, for ideas that would better serve the Sacramento community as RCDC approaches the 1990 political year. Issues discussed include: an increase of women's involvement in the organization, should RCDC stick to gay and lesbian issues exclusively, how to determine RCDC's process for developing a broader agenda, how do we decide what the criteria should be, the club's relationship within the democratic party, should we support the party's status quo or challenge the party's platform, and a strong move for the introduction of co-chairs in the organization's leadership.

Those who attended com-

mended the leadership for their inclusion, and recommended another forum to be held later in the year. The executive committee will meet later this month to review the input gathered from the forum and recommend ideas on how to implement them.

Karl Greene, President of RCDC, said "This open forum was a revitalizing experience for the River City Democratic Club. We clearly got the message that women's issues are important."

Delta Lambda Phi, Davis Sleeps In

The newly formed chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, (the gay men's fraternity) at U.C. Davis will be hosting its first social function the weekend of April 6 - 8.

U.C. Davis will be having a Fraternity Slumber Party lasting three days. Those attending will be representing chapters and schools from all over the country.

This Coming-Out-Party plans to be the event of the year for Delta Lambda Phi, to be surpassed only by the Convention

in San Francisco this July.

This is the first of many events to be sponsored by Delta Lambda Phi U.C. Davis. We intend to be active and visible in the community at large. We will be offering our services to both the Gay and Straight communities since we are a part of one and live/work in the other. In the works are plans for Condom-O-Grams and Dental-O-Grams to help promote sexual awareness through out the sexually active community at large.

We also wish to become active role models for our Gay Youth. It is time we, the Gay Community, had role models that were not only visible, but available to talk/help out when needed. If any questions/interest in contacting us, just phone BGLAD at UC Davis, or call Ken at (916) 753-8514.

Leaders Leap Forward

A conference was held on January 27, in Los Angeles, which attracted more than 60 individuals representing approximately 40 organizations to discuss gay and lesbian issues and strategies for the 1990's. This strategy conference was coordinated by Zeke Zeidler, board member of the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles.

Many issues were discussed with a focus of direction in the

political and community based arenas. Areas discussed included grooming gay and lesbian candidates, coalition building, redistricting and reapportionment, the need for an increase of gay and lesbian appointments, participating in the nations census, an end to discrimination based on marriage status i.e. inability to marry, adopt, or participate in the foster care programs, domestic violence hate crimes, and the role of Project 10 in the California school system.

The greatest achievement from this conference was "people in the community had an opportunity to concretely determine what issues are of importance", said Mr. Zeidler, "this was successful in educating community members about various political issues and how strong of an impact we could actually have."

Preceding this strategy conference a Christopher Street West sponsored a retreat was held in Laguna Beach for local gay and lesbian leaders. The focus of the retreat was to build bridges and return to consensus building within the leadership. "There needs to be a concerted effort rather than individuals moving without an organized voice," said Mr. Zeidler. "There is a definite need for this type of exercise to take place around the state and that the outcome has the potential to become paramount towards reaching the community's goals and objectives."

VITALS

John L. Fentress

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He will be sadly missed by his mother, brother and sister and was a bright spot that we will miss in our lives. John lived in Sacramento most of his life aside from spending ten years in San Francisco. He loved driving on the open road and he dreamed of becoming a Greyhound bus driver. John graduated from James Marshall High School in West Sacramento. John collapsed from complications relating to AIDS while attending a support group meeting. Services were held Saturday, March 10 at Trinity Presbyterian Church of West Sacramento.

Larry James Porter

11-11-50 - 3-7-90

Larry was someone that touched everyone with his care and his love and concern for the gay and lesbian community and he expressed it through Visionz, the gay and lesbian television magazine. He did so through quality, excellence and expertise. Larry's love for the community showed in everything he did. The things he had done he wished would be continued on with others in the gay and lesbian community. Memorial was held Saturday, March 10 at River City Metropolitan Community Church.

Robert Files

In Memory: Robert Files passed from this life on March 7, 1989. He will always be in our hearts and memories. He was one of the strongest people on earth and fought hard to resist his struggle with AIDS. We will always remember his faith and miss his humor.

VITALS

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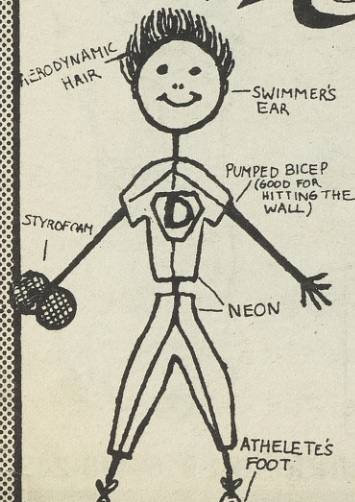
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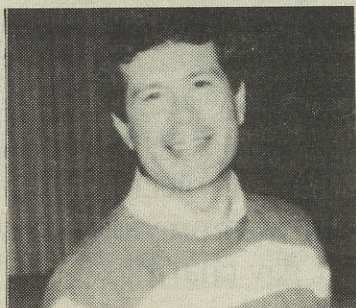


by Dan Palomino

Happy March Tidings to all as we throw off our winter mantle and look forward to Spring.

Comments galore over last issue's byline photo. To silence those who say Rupert my dog is ghostwriting my column, I decided to include him in the photo byline. Sorry guys he's not available for dates... he's too young. * Its great to note our community hasn't been winter hibernating as we flex our political and social muscle. And guess what — It's Women's History Month! So in case you weren't aware, 1st, join me in saluting women of our community who have chosen to empower themselves. 2nd, waste no time in firing your inept social secretary who forgot to tell you, then check for broken fingernails and if all's well, dial 976-DIRT to stay socially attuned. * Look who's coming to Dinner: Former N.Y. congresswoman Bella Abzug has been confirmed as CAPPAC's 2nd anniversary dinner keynote speaker June 2nd. At \$75 per person, start saving pennies. Expecting to outdo last year's sold-out affair, this black tie event will feature after dinner dancing. * Dance fever was coursing the veins of all those who made SACWN's Valentines Day dance a success. This group is really gaining momentum! * Momentum is not what Feb Birthday girl, Lotus Fong, needs when behind the wheel. Sources confided intimate details of her B-Day bash where shocking revelations of her moped going over a cliff and her car grille kissing sides of buildings caused nervous party goers to run out and purchase additional insurance. "I love you dearly Lotus, but no thanks — I think I'll walk". * Acclaimed artiste Kerry Sutton arrived fashionably late (you know, le graaand entraaance) to the successful Tower Gallery AIDS Fundraiser spotlighting

his and Bob Hoppe's works amidst elegant surroundings. 30% of the evening's sales and 100% of the silent auction proceeds went to AIDS charities, raising over \$13,000. * \$150 earmarked for charity developed feet and disappeared from the Mercantile recently. Any truth to the rumor of an inside job? Perhaps getting a doberman watchdog might help. * Shakers and Movers: Making moves about town is Rand Martin stepping down as Exec. Director of LIFE-all for the sake of "Terry". And who's Terry? Inquiring minds have gotta know. Also, Stan Hadden is giving up his



Stan Hadden.

seat as AIDS Foundation Pres. in order to experience something new and novel in his life... its called relaxation (not 'men' as I'm sure that word came quickly to some). * Local groups are hard at work to make the April 28, Sacramento showing of the NAMES Project Quilt possible, and they need your help... yes that means you and me and YOU. So look elsewhere in this issue to find out where the quilting bees are going to be held and make a commitment to make this April event one that is personally memorable! * Activist Boyce Hinman, Lambda Letters Project organizer held a fun Auction Fundraiser on Sunday, Mar. 11, featuring the talented Marcia Virago as auctioneer. Among items auctioned off were 2 nights in Reno by All Travel, \$50 gift certificate by Aladdin Travel, a Townhouse brunch for two, a consultation with attorney Sharon Colwell and other wonderful gifts by caring individuals. This Project's goal is to promote letters to politicians regarding issues affecting you and me. Becoming an active participant is easy, and for our voice to be heard important lest we, by default passively assist those who would have us silenced. Stand up and be counted! * Political Postscript: with Sen. Joseph Montoya possibly becoming Jimmy Bakker's cellmate, someone suggested Mrs. Montoya and Tammy Faye become partners marketing a pro-



Tammy Bay Faker.

vocative and sensuous new fragrance called... "Release Me"... why of course. * It was great to see the spirited turn out at Monday's candlelight vigil protesting Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition. It chills the soul to hear this group espouse hatred and bigotry as traditional values. Yes, we understand these folks have defective genes, bad upbringing, or perhaps suffered through anally retentive formative years. But while these factors might explain their behavior, they fail to justify it. * On a lighter note, be sure to attend the Camp Awards Sun. March 17 at Josephs. With Terry Sidee out of the running for Chicken Queen, who will receive the award? And what about best newspaper? How about MGW or maybe the SAGA newsletter? Attend the show to find out all this and more juicy dirt. * Speaking of dirt, M.C.C. faithful learned a new interpretation of "vengeance is mine, saith the Lord". They recently saw a woman disgruntled with her seat location attack the usher who had seated her, causing a mini brawl which ended in minor injuries and the woman the worse for wear. Final score, MCC: 1, swinging sister: 0. By the way, M.C.C. has an wonderful and inspirational newsletter "The Dove" which gives us these words to live by: A person was showing a friend the neighbor's wash thru the window. "Our neighbor isn't very clean. Notice the streaks on the wash to which the friend replied, "those streaks aren't on your neighbor's wash, they're on your window, Dear". * Did you notice Hedda Hopper's (John Batchelor's) new location for her column. You can now find it in the 'Meat Market' section of the other publication. It seems that fears of a declining readership was the reason for placing the Flesh, I mean Flash Column in a more popular section... My aren't these desperate times. * Karate expert Esther Ritter and sweetheart Pat are finding themselves in Mexico these

days. Happy March Birthdays to those two. Special B-Day wishes to tireless community contributor Ken Topper. If I were him I would take his hairdresser's advice to use a blue rinse on his hair. Happy 30th B-day to my nominee for SMC poster boy, Russ Marsh who recently let me in on a confidence that his private phone line is listed under "utilities". That means two things: he generates a lot of heat or hot air... Luv ya kiddo! Last but not least, Christy Anderson, who designed those wonderful Romanovsky and Phillips posters, celebrates her B-Day Mar. 25. * Attn: leather lovers, the 1990 Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest is being held Mar. 16 at the Wreck Room at 9 p.m. \$2 cover. You can bet I'll be there! * A new group is forming called Sacto. Area Gay/Lesbian Real Estate Professionals. This group hopes to establish a network of gay business from appraisers to repairpersons to service our community's needs. Call Jayne Rountree for more info at 921-6642. * Thrill Seekers, beautiful (I mean this woman is hot!) Raeann Jones recently returned from a cruise with a great tan and a gleam in her eye no doubt attributed to a

mysterious "Ms. Kentucky". Well after having gone out with Ms. Minnesota, Iowa, Texas, etc. I am certainly convinced she is actually doing research for a geography course. * Attention Kate Karpilow supporters, she



Kate Karpilow.

will be having a campaign debt retirement party on March 17 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Y.W.C.A.. * In signing off, I leave you with the words of the philosopher Spinoza who said: "God brings us into deep waters not to drown us but to purify us." And although we sometime feel we've gone beyond that and through the rinse and spin cycle, let's keep our determination steady and our head held high. Love Danny

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Elaborate S.F. Coronation

by Charles Linebarger

Amid extravagant gowns, crowns and wigs San Francisco's royal court system crowned its 25th empress and 18th emperor on Sunday, February 18 in front of a packed house at the city's huge Gift Center.

A line of pale blue limos dropped off the entourages of various out of town royals, former local sovereigns, and other dignitaries while inside the Gift Center the crowd waited for the entrance of the outgoing emperor and empress, Jerry Coletti and Pat Montclair.

According to reports in the



Royalty Pat Montclair and Jerry Coletti wow the crowd with their Egyptian garb.

San Francisco Examiner, Coletti and Montclair were said to be spending \$100,000 on their grand entrance and presenta-

tion at this year's event. After the event however neither Coletti nor Montclair would discuss how much they had spent during the week's festivities.

No one in San Francisco however questioned the expenses of the coronation. The royal court system is seen by many here as a valuable fund-raising apparatus for gay charities. For the participants in the balls, fundraisers and imperial elections the gay-identified royal court system is an entire lifestyle.

GRAND ENTRANCE ON BIBLICAL EPIC?

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Men Behind Bars do the can-can.

Remembering to Party

by Charles Linebarger

The fifth "Men Behind Bars" extravaganza was put on at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts between February 16 and 19 benefiting three local gay charities, the AIDS Emergency Fund, the Shanti Project and the Jon Sims Foundation. The four previous shows raised over \$50,000 for gay charities.

Begun in 1984 by local bartender, Jim Cvitanich, just as AIDS began to jostle the Queen City of the West off the gay resort A list, the "Men Behind Bars" show gives men and women of this hardpressed community an opportunity to show that they still know how to party - and they do. In a sign of the times, this year's show moved upscale from its previous venue at the run-down Victoria Theater in the city's rough Mission District to the Palace of Fine Arts in the more exclusive, but also more quakeprone, Marina District.

In the tradition of Harvard's Hasty Puddings drag is an im-

portant part of the "Men Behind Bars" show. One of the perennial favorites here is Joe Jones as Ms. Peckerhead. Peckerhead, looking vaguely like a wildly overdone take off on Lilly Tomlin's Ma Bell telephone operator character, began her career with "Men Behind Bars" in the box office. A photo of Peckerhead, beauty marks and all, with her massive brunette wig caught in a forties' style net, graced the front page of the Bay Area Reporter, a local gay weekly, catapulted Ms. Peckerhead to instant fame and celebrity.

This year Peckerhead was vi-

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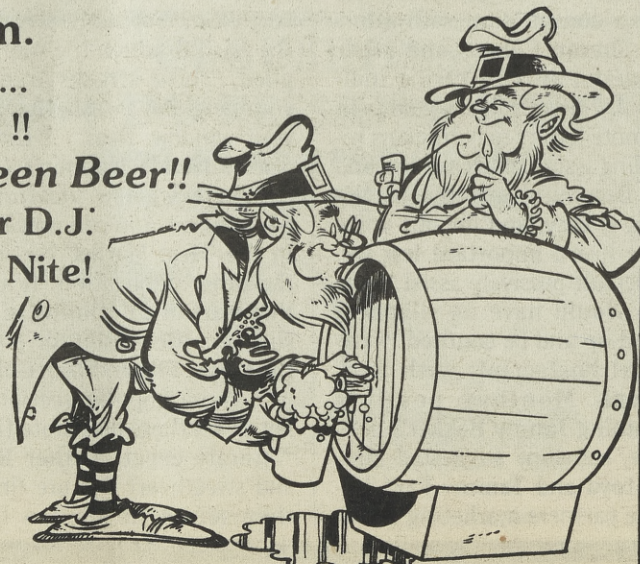
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'Camille Claudell', a Struggling Wanna-be

by Chris Gerald

The winds howl above the narrow muddy ravine as a steady "plop, plop, plop" is heard.

The camera slowly pans down to the back of a young woman earnestly digging at the clay and tossing the huge wet chunks into an open suitcase. Hurriedly, she lugs the valise back to her studio, tearing away at the fresh material to begin a new sculpture.

Camille Claudel (Isabelle Adjani) strives to become a sculptor to marry well and live demurely. It is 1885 and the 21-year-old artist becomes the first female apprentice to the



great Auguste Rodin (Gerald Depardieu). He sees in her himself,

and takes her as his pupil, lover and eventual equal. But it is

Claudel's obsession with Rodin that eats away at her talent and her inner being. Encouraged by her free-thinking father and resented by a jealous mother, Claudel's world was never calm, especially when she was considered a "witch" for having "the talent of a man."

Adjani is mesmerizing as the tortured, passionate woman, ahead of her time, her beauty standing apart from her determination to fulfill her own desires, uncompromising in her needs and beliefs. She is most sensual tearing away at the raw earth that becomes her art. Depardieu brings a solid, earthy

quality to Rodin, the man who becomes too lazy to deal with Claudel's intense emotions.

The only real flaw in the film is its inability to actively portray the 28-year time span it covers. It is agonizing long (2 1/2 hours) but the French film is made palatable by the wellworded English subtitles. **★★★★**

- ★★★★** Must see
- ★★★★** Excellent
- ★★★** Good
- ★★** O.K.
- ★** Poor

Driving Miss Daisy

Writer Alfred Uhry obviously knows how to manipulate us down to our toes. No, perhaps a better word here would be massage. Yes that's it, massage us down to our toes. And boy does it ever feel good. Forget the fact that Morgan Freeman's Hoke, Miss Daisy's chauffeur over a 25-year period, is just a bit too perfect at playing it down, that's exactly how you want him to be. And turning in a decidedly Oscar-

worthy performance is Jessica Tandy as Miss Daisy, gently conveying the subtle aging of the headstrong Jewish matron. It's a genial, bittersweet look at more than just the issue of race, it speaks of aging and the isolation and loneliness that follows it. Most surprising is Dan Aykroyd exercising restraint as Miss Daisy's loving son. Esther Rolle will steal your heart as the housekeeper who has learned to stay out of Miss Daisy's way. Director Bruce Beresford allows the story to unfold freely through his tender hands. **★★★★**



Dan Aykroyd and Jessica Tandy.

Gay Films Win Awards

West Berlin - The "Silver Bears", West Germany's version of the Oscars, were awarded Tuesday, February 20, as part of the 40th Berlin International Film Festival, and two motion pictures of

interest to lesbians and gay men garnered separate awards at the prestigious festival. "Coming Out," the first East German motion picture about homosexuality, won a Silver Bear. The film, directed by Heiner Carow, will open the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival later this June. The Interfilm Jury also award a special citation to "Common

The Hunt for Red October

It is 1984, pre-Gorbachev, pre-glasnost. It is the Cold War, waged deep under the sea in the highest of hi-tech submarines as Captain Ramius, the formidable Sean Connery, advances towards the eastern coast of the United States. Able to go undetected by sonar, the Soviet vessel slip quietly away from its sister ships. American officials, trying to decipher the Red October's actions turn to CIA analyst Jack Ryan, Alec Baldwin, who has a solid understanding of the Soviet fleet and its top testing officer. Ryan's instincts tell him Ramius want to defect. Yet Russian diplomats weave a tale to the Washington brass willing to listen of an unstable commander who plans to launch his own unplanned attack. Filming aboard submarines always tends to hold down the action and it is the last 40 minutes that moves the smoothest. **★★★★**

Threads: Stories from the Quilt," directed by Robert Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman of San Francisco. The film is a documentary about several individuals now memorialized in the Names Project AIDS Quilt. Unlike the Academy Awards, which are given out for specific categories of achievement, the Silver Bears are given to films for their general excellence. **★★**

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Dancing nubians, barefoot slaveboys and a golden calf preceded the well-heeled matrons tossing rose petals at the crowd awaiting the entrance of last year's imperial couple. Following them came the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence with their own white-faced pontiff carried in a truly papal sedan chair. And then came a fifteen foot high

wooden sphinx with Coletti and Montclair at its base decked out like Elizabeth Taylor in the 1963 epic, "Cleopatra". Encased in white furs and lightreflecting gold-threaded clothes the two were the spectacle they intended to be.

Hours later this year's emperor and empress were crowned. Marlena (Gary McLain) and Simeon Trau took their place in a line going back a quarter of a century.

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Sacramento's fabulous Shannon performed at the SF coronation.

In 1989 outgoing sovereigns Coletti and Montclair are said to have raised \$150,000 for gay charities using a variety of tactics including bake sales, auctions and raffles.

According to Coletti, who also owns the local gay-patronized restaurant, the Galleon in San Francisco, "When the emperor and empress put on a fundraiser, it's instant credibility." The maintenance of that credibility will now depend on the two newly elected and crowned successors to the title.

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BEHIND

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deotaped speaking to the festival from a gay cruise ship when she was unceremoniously interrupted by a terrorist kidnapping and the gay cruise ship's disastrous run-in with an American battleship, all on tape. This was the first year when videotape was integrated with live performances at the event.

BEEF CAKE, BUT NOT A GO GO

In "Drag Queen Heaven" Nikole Dushey, dressed in a huge, frilly gown that would be an understatement to describe as overdone talks to the audience about losing the love of her life and how philosophically she took it, "that's why I've been as mean as a wet hen ever since".

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Suddenly her tall dark lover appears at the side of the stage and we understand why she took it so badly. He is tall, dark and has a chin and cheekbones that don't quit. Desiree joins him for a martini and ends by throwing herself at him - and that's when "Drag Queen Heaven" gets exciting.

The red curtains part and the stage is filled with beautiful nude male bodies. On opposite sides of the stage like twin Saint Sebastians two naked body-builders lean tantalizing against sturdy columns so that their assets face the hushed audience throughout the number. On their full rounded buttocks red kisses have been plastered. Standup comedian Tom Ammiano who helped launch gay comedy in San Francisco in the early eighties at the old Valencia Rose Cabaret held the audience in the palm of his hand. Recently Ammiano was the only open gay comic to participate in this city's annual comedy competition. "There were others," said Ammiano in the program notes for "Men Behind Bars", "but my wrists are sealed."

Ammiano poked savagely at this country's policy against allowing people infected with AIDS from entering the United States. "They also won't let you in if they find a tube of Preparation H in your luggage," quipped the comic, "They only want perfect assholes to enter America."

"JUST A LITTLE OLD PISSANT BATTLESHIP"

(Is it only in San Francisco that the US Navy gets such a bad wrap for trying to berth a possibly nuclear battleship, the USS Missouri and its support fleet of nine or ten gunships?)

The funniest and most spectacular part of the annual bartenders' show was local director, Tim Garner, dragged out to look like former Mayor Dianne Feinstein, a Missouri supporter, with her Planet of the Apes hairdo as Ammiano calls it, and her trademark suit and scarf. Ms. Peckerhead and real woman Gail Wilson join Garner onstage as Garner as sings, "It's Just Little Old Pissant Battleship," as behind her, Peckerhead and Wilson, a huge stageprop of steel gray battleship looms forward toward the orchestra pit on an ocean of canned fog.

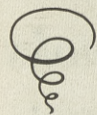
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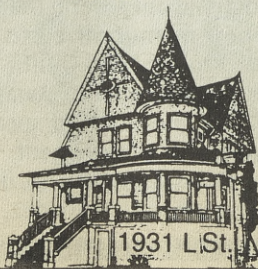
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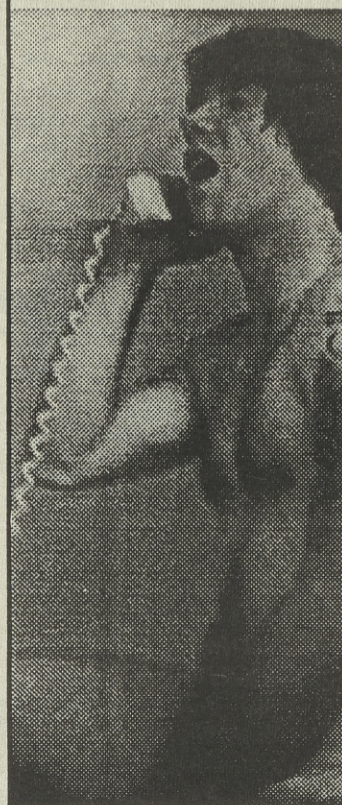
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How to Make the World a Better Place to Live

by Celeste Brown

Imagine a loving, nurturing mother who provides a safe, clean and beautiful environment for her children. However, the children start to run wildly rampant.

The stronger ones take the weaker children's resources for their own use, their own consumption. Soon, the whole family is affected while chaos and greed consume all common sense. The mother pleads - she warns, she patiently tries to re-shift her balance.

By now you have probably figured out that the mother is the Earth and the children, are all the living forms and elements of nature. And while this may seem a too childlike and simplistic there is a point.

Wake up, everyone! We are all responsible for what is happening to our Earth. We have to care, to become more aware, to become involved in Earth's fate. "But", you point out, "I'm just one person what can I do?" And "even if I try, no one else cares, so why should I?" You should care and take measures for 2 basic reasons.

The first is your are part of a living chain, supposedly pretty high up there on the old eco-system. Along with being first and the most intelligent, comes responsibility. Yes responsibility. Whether you recycle without

being made to do so, or join a "Stop the de-forestation of Earth group," you have choices and options. Which brings up the second reason you should care. No profound change has

ring to the Earth. At the rate the human race is "advancing", and given that no unified effort is made to halt the Earth's erosion and pollution, we have a bleak disastrous future ahead of us.

It has been said that during the 1990's, one species of plant or animal will be destroyed per hour. Even more frightening, by the year 2000, one species every 15 minutes will disappear.

The classic example is the rain forest's destruction. Rain forests not only serve as rich ox-

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happening to our Earth.**

ever come from one person - It may start with one person, but others will notice change, will inquire, and will change!

Human beings would never make it to work or school or on a trip if we didn't at least get out of bed, get dressed, walk through the front door, and do it. The point is nothing is for certain. We try to make responsible decisions and choices. It's just that simple. Choose some part of the world to improve.

This century is almost over. It has witnessed social, industrial and technological revolutions. However, all of us must take responsibility for what is occur-

ing sources, but have untold sources of food, natural drugs and other useful products we have yet to discover.

You, I and them = US. We have to get together, bypass ignorant politics and special interest groups whose only interest is profit. Oh no, you won't leave this article empty-handed. There are many great resource books available - Here are two for you to take a look at the next time you spend an afternoon at your favorite bookstore.

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"How to Make the World A

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Just two of many wonderful and inspiring books which offer hope and understanding. Now, get out there, recycle, write letters to the editor, to your congressperson, whatever it takes and whatever you can give, will lead to self-empowerment and improvement for the Earth and the human condition!

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CENSUS

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gay men have a responsibility to check off this box, because it will finally give us some statewide statistics on gay couples. (This will be determined by cross-referencing the unmarried partner check-offs with same sex households.)

"Absolutely!", Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day, said in response to the question should gay couples check off this box? "We don't get the recognition we deserve. We don't get AIDS funding; the laws do not cover us. We have to find some way of coming out."

Activists in this camp maintain that by showing diversity in the make-up of families, by documenting the existence of committed gay couples, respondents will be impacting more than the establishment of new public policy. Members of the public and private sector will have access to these figures in determining their own policies regarding retirement benefits, health and life insurance, and childcare, among other possibilities.

"We could have an impact on these issues when they come up," Shepodd said. "We can't just go on and on trying to hide. Checking this box just seems like a small way we can stand up and be counted."

But others point out some of the problems. First of all, what exactly are unmarried partners? Is there a time requirement? Do I have to be in the same relationship for a certain number of

years to qualify? What if you have been living together for 10 years, and even had a "wedding"? You wore matching rings and had a rabbi at your ceremony, but you are not officially married according to state law. Are you unmarried partners?

Secondly, no matter how people interpret this category, there will very likely be an undercount, because, as with most minority groups, people will be

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afraid to answer this section honestly. But fear of invasion of privacy is not a valid reason to lie on the census. The Census Bureau has ensured that all information gathered is confidential. Nevertheless and unavoidably, some will remain too cynical to trust this kind of information in the hands of a government agency.

Even if the count was accurate, it would be a misleading statistic for most of the gay community, because of the scarcity of committed couples. And what about the millions of gay couples living apart, or who are single?

"While it is imperfect... it is the only option open to us," Shepodd counters.

Still other gay activists simply shrug their shoulders. "Frankly, I don't think it will do anything," said Tom Burns, CoChair of CAPPAC. "I don't think the straight community is going to care. My reaction is that this is not going to have a whole lot of impact."

Some pro-check-off activists have criticized the Census Bureau for implementing outreach programs to ethnic and language minorities, but not to the gay community. They are saddling up for a campaign to "alert" the gay community to this issue, and they are using the media to spread their message.

Lesbians and gays have a responsibility to be upstanding citizens, just like everybody else. And as such, they should check off whichever box they perceive to be the most appropriate, not the box they believe will protect their privacy, as privacy has already been assured, but the box which most accurately reflects the truth.

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